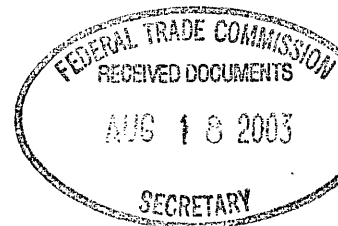


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION



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In the Matter of )  
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RAMBUS INC., )  
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Respondent. )  
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Docket No. 9302

**ORDER EXTENDING THE DEADLINE  
FOR FILING THE INITIAL DECISION**

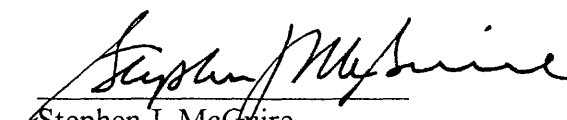
Commission Rule 3.51(a) requires that initial decisions be filed within one year following the issuance of the complaint, but allows the Administrative Law Judge to extend the one year deadline by an additional period of up to 60 days, upon a finding of extraordinary circumstances. 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a). Such extension may be continued for additional consecutive periods of up to 60 days, provided that each additional period is based upon a finding by the Administrative Law Judge that extraordinary circumstances are still present. 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a).

The Complaint in this matter was issued on June 18, 2002. By Order dated June 18, 2003, because the trial was then ongoing, extraordinary circumstances were found to exist to extend the deadline for filing the Initial Decision by 60 days until August 18, 2003.

The trial did not conclude until August 1, 2003. There were 54 days of trial, hundreds of exhibits were admitted, and there are over 11,000 pages of trial transcript. This substantial record must be thoroughly reviewed. The parties' post trial briefs and proposed findings are due on August 29, 2003. The parties' reply briefs and replies to proposed findings are due on September 23, 2003. There must be adequate time to consider the post trial briefs and the record and to write the initial decision. Thus, it would not be feasible to file an initial decision by August 18, 2003.

For the above stated reasons, extraordinary circumstances exist for extending by 60 days the deadline for filing the Initial Decision. The deadline is hereby extended to October 17, 2003.

ORDERED:

  
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Stephen J. McGuire  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

August 18, 2003